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- 3. The references 1-2 were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- 4. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

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